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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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CORN BELT BANK BUILDING • BLOOMINGTON ILL.

"CHAPEL, MCKENDREE COLLEGE"
Lebanon, St. Clair County, Illinois

Owner. McKendree College.

Date of Erection. 1857.

Architect. Unknown.

Builder. Unknown.

Present Condition. The building is in a fair state of preservation, showing generally the effects of ordinary wear. It stands as originally constructed.

Number of Stories. Two.

Materials of Construction. Stone foundation, red sand brick exterior walls, brick lintels, oak sills, wood entrance and cornice, brick frieze and pediment, wood spira, tin roof. Interior floors and trim--white pine.

Other Existing Records. Data in records on file at McKendree College.

Additional Data. The first graduating exercises were held in the new chapel in 1858. At an educational convention held at the college in 1868 to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of its founding, the committee on buildings referred to this as "the largest hall of the kind in the state." The auditorium is about forty-five by seventy feet and heated at first by two large stoves. About 1898, a steam heat plant was installed to supply all three of the college buildings at that time on the hill. The stoves were then removed. The

original seats were long, movable wooden benches with backs. Some of the old benches may still be seen in the gallery. The room will seat slightly more than four hundred people.

Its tall spire is surmounted by a gilded globe three feet in diameter, and an arrow nine feet long to serve as a weather vane. The top of the spire is approximately one hundred and forty-five feet above the walk in front.

Governor Charles S. Deneen, a graduate of McKendree, William Jennings Bryan and President William McKinley received their degrees of LL. D. here.

References:

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